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COVID-19 Boosters Authorized for Teens 16-17 Years Old

FREDERICK, MD -- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have given emergency use authorization for a single Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine booster for adolescents who are 16 and 17 years old. Individuals in this age group can receive a Pfizer booster if it has been six months or more since their second dose of Pfizer.

Vaccine is readily available in the community at both walk-in and appointment required clinics.

- Frederick County Health Department vaccination clinics will begin offering Pfizer boosters to teens age 16 and 17 years old today (Friday, December 10, 2021). Go to <u>our website</u> for upcoming health department vaccination clinics. Boosters are available at any clinic offering that vaccine type.
- Go to vaccines.gov or marylandvax.org for pharmacies and other locations.

For help scheduling an appointment, call 855-MDGoVax or 855-634-6829 between 8am and 8pm, seven days a week. Local help is also available at 301-600-7900 or 301-600-7505 for local help in Spanish.

Important note! Booster doses can be obtained from any vaccination clinic. It is not necessary to return to the same vaccination clinic where first and second doses were received to get a booster.

For more information about boosters for the 16 and 17 age group: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html

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